To provide greater facilities to women for higher medical studies, a capitation grant is made to the Vellore Medical School which reserves seats for Travancore students. This grant has been raised from Rs. 500 to Rs. 1,000. The Union Mission Tuberculosis Sanatorium at Madanapalle takes in a number of patients from Travancore and a grant of Rs. 15,000 has been sanctioned to the institution as a contribution towards the cost of additional accommodation which is being provided by the Mission. In company with the Inspecting Medical Officer and the local Executive Engineer, I inspected the proposed site at Sengamal in the Tovala taluk for a Tuberculosis Sanatorium. The place can now be reached only through the Tinnevelly District. An estimate for the investigation of an approach road running entirely through Travancore territory is under preparation. To remove the difficulties caused by the want of accommodation for maternity cases in the Women and Children's Hospital, Trivandrum, it is proposed to provide two new wards with accommodation for 16 patients in each and to take up the work of one ward immediately. A Medical Conference, consisting of the members of the Administrative Board and five senior officers of the department, was held at the end of Medam 1105. Several subjects relating to the reform of the department were considered at it and certain recommendations have been made to Government. The Administrative Board has independently examined the resolutions and submitted to Government definite proposals on some of them and the matter is engaging the earnest attention of Government. In order to deal satisfactorily with the demand from various mofussil stations for the opening of new medical institutions, the Board has been requested to prepare a comprehensive programme with special reference to the representations on the subject at recent sessions of the Assembly. New sanitary conservancy stations have been since the beginning of 1106 established at Oachira and Munambam. Proposals have been called for from the Sanitary Commissioner for the grouping of contiguous villages comprised in a compact and manageable area under central conservancy stations. The plague preventive measures in the High Range frontier have been continued; and with the recrudescence of the disease in the adjoining British District, two new observation stations were opened and a temporary Sanitary Inspector was added to the preventive staff. The prompt measures taken have effectively kept the disease out of Travancore.

Census.

29. Dr. N. Kunjan Pillai was appointed full-time Census Commissioner from the 8th Thulam 1106. Some of the Special features of the census taken last week are the enquiries conducted, at the instance of the Census Commissioner for India, into the extent of unemployment among the educated classes, the migration of population and particularly of specific castes and tribes, the effect of contact with civilisation on primitive tribes, the prevalence of bi- or poly- lingualism and the rates of fertility and mortality in the different strata of society. Arrangements have also been made, as I mentioned last year, to collect

along with the usual census figures information about the economic condition of the people. A census of cattle and agricultural implements was taken along with the house-numbering operation. A special officer was appointed to conduct the ethnographic survey of primitive tribes, another to investigate and report on disappearing industries and a third to enquire into and report on the economic condition of the coast fishermen.

Public Service.

30. In the course of my reply to representations relating to public service in the last session of the Assembly, I said, with reference to the question of communal representation, that the Government had taken up the matter for earnest consideration and that some means would by devised for making the rules relating to recruitment definite enough for easy application. Representations at past sessions of this Assembly and discussions in the Legislative Council have brought to light the fact that opinion is divided on the subject. Government therefore consider it desirable to constitute a committee to examine the question in its various aspects and to make proposals regarding the principles and methods of recruitment. Necessary orders on the subject will issue shortly.

Legislative Council Election.

31. As the term of three years of the Third Council constituted under Regulation II of 1097 expires before the end of the current Malabar year, a special officer has, as was done at the last three general elections, been appointed to control the work of preparing the electoral rolls. The preliminary rolls have already been published, according to which the total number of voters is 146,380 against 140,331 according to the final rolls of 1103 and 122,450 according to the final rolls of 1100. With a view to promote the convenience of voters, the number of polling stations has been increased from 283 to 364, so as to ensure that as a rule there will not be more than 610 voters in one polling area and that no voter will have to travel more than a distance of six miles to record his vote.

Conclusion.

22. Under the discerning and loving guidance of Her Highness the Maha Rani Regent, whose one care is the advancement and prosperity of her people, the State has made remarkable progress in a variety of directions. Let us pay our humble tribute of devout loyalty and profound gratitude to Her Highness and pray for Her Highness's long life and happiness.

The Dewan then read the telegram from Sir M. Krishnan Nayar and the letter from Dewan Bahadur T. Raghaviah Esquire C. S.I., former Dewans of Travancore, conveying their greetings to the Assembly.

The Assembly adjourned at 12-50 P. M. to meet again at 11-30 A. M. on Tuesday, the 3rd March, 1931.